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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendments of the San Joaquin Council of Governments' (SJCOG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 6 | Transit Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redistributes Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 program funds among four San Joaquin Regional Transit District (SJRTD) projects. Also changes the scope of two of the four SJRTD projects. |
| 7 | Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds two new projects utilizing Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) funding.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Navy Drive Bridge Improvement Project.2. David Road Bridge Replacement or Widening over Pixley Slough Project. State's approval of this project is for the Environmental phase only. |
| 8 | Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds new pavement repair project in the City of Escalon. The project includes funding from Surface Transportation Program (STP). |
| 9 | Transit Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modifies funding for transit operations, passenger amenities, and planning for the Tracy urban area by programming FTA 5307 program funding. Also adds two Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) program funded projects for the City of Tracy. |

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve these FTIP Amendments for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of these FTIP Amendments and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for projects that have been found by the SJCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, these FTIP Amendments are consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SJCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SJCOG prepared these FTIP Amendments under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



JIM NICHOLAS
Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Julia E. Greene - San Joaquin Council of Governments
- Diane Nguyen Grindall - San Joaquin Council of Governments
- Muhaned Aljabiry - Caltrans